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SUBJECT: PRIVATE VISIT BY HEALTH MINISTER

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1. HEW IS PLEASED TO DO WHAT IT CAN TO FACILITATE MINISTER KRIEPS' VISIT TO WASHINGTON JUNE 17-20. HEW WILL ARRANGE A MEETING WITH A HIGH LEVEL OFFICIAL IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH. IT IS, HOWEVER, TOO EARLY TO DETERMINE EXACTLY WHO THIS OFFICIAL WILL BE DUE TO CHANGING TRAVEL SCHEDULES AND OTHER BUSINESS. DEPARTMENT WILL ADVISE WHEN THIS QUESTION IS CLARIFIED. IN THE MEANTIME, HEW WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF, FOLLOWING THIS COURTESY CALL, THE MINISTER WOULD BE INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH WORKING LEVEL OFFICIALS AT HEW TO ENGAGE IN MORE SUBSTANTIVRAND TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS IN THE HEALTH FIELD. IF SO, WHAT SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF HEALTH POLICY WOULD HE LIKE TO DISCUSS?

2. OFFICIALS AT NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH (NIMH, WHICH IS PART OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH) WOULD BE PLEASED TO TAKE KRIEPS ON A TOUR OF ITS CLINICAL CENTER IN BETHESDA. THIS INSTALLATION IS A FEDERAL RESEARCH HOSPITAL  
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DEVOTED EXCLUSIVELY TO RESEARCH IN VARIOUS HEALTH FIELDS.

THE CENTER HAS A SMALL (70 BED) PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC WHICH KRIEPS MIGHT FIND OF INTEREST.

3. SINCE THE CLINICAL CENTER IS DEVOTED TO INTRAMURAL ACTIVITIES (I.E., PURE IN-HOUSE RESEARCH), NIMH WONDERS IF KRIEPS WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ITS EXTRAMURAL ACTIVITIES. NIMH HAS A LARGE PROGRAM TO FUND RESEARCH PROJECTS AT OUTSIDE INSTITUTIONS (HOSPITALS, UNIVERSITIES, ETC.) AROUND THE COUNTRY. WOULD KRIEPS BE INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH THE NIMH OFFICIALS AT BETHESDA WHO OVERSEE AND ADMINISTER THIS PROGRAM? SUCH DISCUSSIONS WOULD ENABLE HIM TO REVIEW SUCH ADMINISTRATIVE QUESTIONS AS FUNDING, ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES, SELECTION OF WORTHWHILE PROJECTS, AND SO ON.

4. ASIDE FROM PSYCHIATRIC ASPECT OF HEALTH CARE MENTIONED ABOVE, HEW WONDERS IF KRIEPS IS INTERESTED IN CONTACTING OFFICIALS OF ANY OF THE OTHER COMPONENTS OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (NIH). FOR INSTANCE, GROUPED UNDER THE GENERAL NIH UMBRELLA ARE SUCH ORGANIZATIONS AS THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON AGING, THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGICAL DISEASES AND STROKE, AND THE NATIONAL EYE INSTITUTE.

5. ST. ELIZABETH'S HOSPITAL, WHICH IS WASHINGTON'S LARGE PSYCHIATRIC CARE HOSPITAL ADMINISTERED BY HEW, WOULD BE PLEASED TO TAKE THE MINISTER ON A TOUR. IN ADDITION TO A PROGRAM COVERING ITS REGULAR PSYCHIATRIC CARE FACILITIES, ST. ELIZABETH'S WONDERS IF KRIEPS WOULD LIKE TO VISIT ITS DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTER AND/OR ITS ALCOHOL ABUSE FACILITY.

6. BETHESDA NAVAL HOSPITAL WOULD BE HAPPY TO SHOW KRIEPS AROUND ITS FACILITIES. ASIDE FROM GENERAL ORIENTATION TOUR, ARE THERE ANY PARTICULAR DEPARTMENTS ON WHICH HE WISHES TO CONCENTRATE HIS TIME, E.G., SURGERY?

7. SIMILARLY, THERE IS NO PROBLEM IN ARRANGING A VISIT TO WALTER REED ARMY HOSPITAL, BUT ARMY OFFICIALS WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF KRIEPS IS INTERESTED IN ANY PARTICULAR DEPARTMENTS OF THE FACILITY.

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8. PLEASE ADVISE IF KRIEPS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR APPOINTMENTS AT ALL TIMES DURING PERIOD JUNE 17-20. WITH REGARD TO TOURS OF NIMH CLINICAL CENTER, ST. ELIZABETH'S HOSPITAL, BETHESDA NAVAL HOSPITAL AND WALTER REED, WILL ONE HALF DAY SUFFICE FOR EACH FACILITY? ALSO, PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER AMBASSADOR MEISCH IS AWARE OF THE MINISTER'S PLANS.

9. UPON RECEIVING CLARIFICATION OF ABOVE POINTS (PARTICU-

LARLY KRIEPS' SPECIFIC PROGRAM INTERESTS IN APPOINTMENTS  
AT HEW AND THE MEDICAL FACILITIES), DEPARTMENT WILL ARRANGE  
A DETAILED SCHEDULE. KISSINGER

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